railway safety works such as construction of road over and under bridges, improvement to level crossings, including their manning etc. Thrust has been given for inclusion of these safety related works as there is an assured inflow into the fund which is non-lapsable. Through this fund, 90 road over bridges and road under bridges have been constructed, 721 unmanned level crossings have been converted into manned level crossings and 1290 level crossings have been interlocked. Further, works relating to manning of 797 unmanned level crossings and 827 works of interlocking of manned level crossings are in progress. Apart from this, 443 road over bridges and road under bridges are under construction.

(c) The amount spent from the fund in the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in crores)		
	Level Crossings	Road Over Bridges/ Road Under Bridges	Total
2002-03	81.95	82.12	164.07
2003-04	81.25	84.94	166.19
2004-05	86.30	115.28	201.58

(Provisional)

Development of Harpalpur railway station

†1930. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to increase the facilities for passengers on link railway stations in order to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to fully develop the Harpalpur railway station which is linked to Khajuraho temples of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Various facilities provided specially for foreign tourists are as under:

(i) Indrail Passes,

(ii) Foreign tourist quota for reservation,

(iii) Opening of Tourist Bureaus at major railway stations, and

(iv) Appointment of General Sales Agents in various countries to help foreign tourists.

(b) and (c) Harpalpur is a 'D' category station and as per laid down norms all the Minimum Essential Amenities have already been provided at this station.

Launching of low cost 'Palace on Wheels'

1931. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to launch a low-cost 'Palace on Wheels' to encourage tourism in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government would consider more such low-cost tourism oriented trains to promote tourism in other States, like Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) proposes to run a Metre Gauge (MG) luxury tourist train in the MG sections of Rajasthan covering Jaipur, Bikaner, Churu and Nawalgarh. The feasibility of operating the train has not been determined. Presently there is no other proposal for running low-cost 'Palace on Wheels' in other States.